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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE GEORGE P. SHULTZ
The Secretary of State

THE HONORABLE CASPAR W. WEINBERGER
The Secretary of Defense

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM CASEY
Director of Central Intelligence

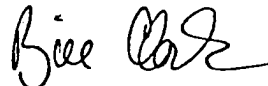
GENERAL JOHN W. VESSEY
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

SUBJECT: Staff Papers on Lebanon (C)

In view of the current situation in Lebanon, we have added the strategy for Lebanon to the agenda for tomorrow's meeting. At Tab A is a reporting cable from Bud McFarlane which discusses "worst case" scenarios and requests a high-level review of our strategy for dealing with Syrian intervention in the reconstruction of Lebanon. At Tab B is a staff paper which outlines three broad policy options we have in light of Syrian intransigence and forcible intervention. Tab C is a staff paper which describes two concepts for near-term management of the Lebanon crisis. (S)

The discussion tomorrow might begin with the issue of whether we need to make a decision soon on the preferred strategy as Bud suggests, or whether we can defer a decision on the optional strategies for several weeks to allow more study of the pros and cons. If we decide to defer a decision, Tab C provides interim measures we could adopt as we deliberate on the longer-term strategy. (S)

FOR THE PRESIDENT



William P. Clark

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